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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled CODING METHOD, CODING APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM, AND DECODING METHOD, DECODING APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM.

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was filed as U.S. Application No. _____ on _____ and (if applicable) was amended on _____

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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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Foreign/PCT Application No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed? (yes/no)
H9-057, 278	JAPAN	March 12, 1997	YES

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Additional Foreign/PCT Applications:

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H9-163, 971	JAPAN	June 20, 1997	YES
H9-190, 845	JAPAN	July 16, 1997	YES

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